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TOPIC Tank Units of the Mechanized Division Potsdam in the Spremberg-Weisswasser 25X1

Area and Construction Work at the Weisswasser Training Grounds 25X1

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1. On 3 July 1954, the former Panzerjaeger Kaserne in Spremberg was occupied by an estimated 500 to 600 KVPs who wore blue service color. Intensive traffic was observed between this installation and the Nochten training grounds. It was the impression that personnel was frequently exchanged. A large number of personnel from Panzerjaeger Kaserne was stationed in the Nochten area. 25X1
2. Between 21 June and 3 July, intensive training of KVP was observed at the Spremberg post. About 6 T-34 and T-34/85 tanks were daily seen in the tank training area. On the evening of 24 June, 12 T-34/85 tanks entered the installation. Infantry training was held in the installation on several days of observation. On 25 June, about 150 men drilled in the barracks yard. At noon on 2 July, about 120 KVPs returned to the installation from field training. During the night on 2 July, a unit of about battalion strength left toward Nochten.
3. On 28 June, the barracks installation was used for the plebiscite. Although ballot boxes were available, the ballots were delivered openly.
4. On 22 May, a railroad carload of dredges was delivered to Captain Neubauer in Weisswasser for Unit \_\_\_\_\_ in Nochten by the Karl-Liebknecht firm for heavy machine construction in Magdeburg. 25X1
5. On 11 June, 3 flatcars with sideracks carrying guns arrived in Weisswasser from Basewalk. The guns were detrained and were hauled to Nochten by KVP trucks. 25X1
6. In late June, the MdI/KVP ordered the construction of four tank firing lanes at the training area near Spremberg. The firing lanes were to be used by JS-2 tanks and were to extend 800, 1,200, 1,600 and 2,400 meters. The order was signed by Colonel Kunath, Chief of Administration of Ordnance. 25X1

1. Comments. Training of tank units of the Mechanized Division Dresden, including the medium tank regiment, the heavy tank SP regiment and the tank training battalion, continued. 25X1

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2. Comment. [redacted] the engineer depot of the GSFG in Fuerstenwalde-Ketschendorf. The KVP has not yet been allotted [redacted]

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2. Comment. It appears improbable that units of Korps Nord practice [redacted] area since the training areas of the corps are [redacted]. The guns were presumably to be used by Korps Sued for training at the Weisswasser training grounds.

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3. Comment. In June 1954, the administration of ordnance, along with other elements of the MdI/KVP, transferred to Strausberg. Colonel Kunath is known as chief of this office.

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